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For: METHODS AND KITS FOR DETERMINING RISK OF PRE-TERM DELIVERY

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 49 pages of specification, 10 pages of claims, an abstract and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (unsigned).
- ☒ 13 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.604(b)

CLAIMS AS FILED					
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- ☒ Applicant claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/426,096. The entire disclosure of provisional application No. 60/426,096 is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.
- ☒ Assignee for this application is or will be The Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and applicants request that this information be listed on the published application.

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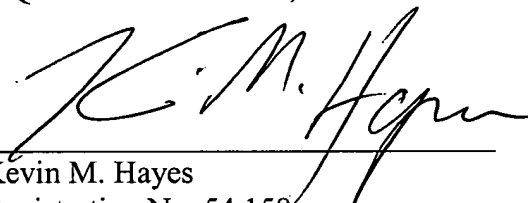
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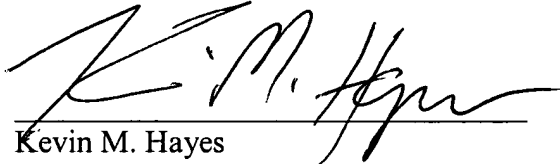
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.604(b), the undersigned attorney wishes to bring to the Patent Office's attention U.S. provisional application 60/426,096 filed on November 14, 2002. A substantial portion of the specification of the present application filed with this Statement is substantially similar to the specification of U.S. provisional application 60/426,096. Several of the claims of the present application define the same patentable invention claimed in U.S. provisional application 60/426,096 since several of the claims of the present application are copies of the claims of U.S. provisional application 60/426,096. The undersigned attorney has been informed that another U.S. non-provisional application has been, or will be, filed that

claims priority to U.S. provisional application 60/426,096, but that identifies an inventive entity that differs from the inventive entity identified in the present application.

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